

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph after paragraph [0031]:

Figure 7 a side view of an alternative embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

In an alternate embodiment of the present invention shown in Fig. 7, the~~A further exemplary embodiment (not illustrated in the drawing)~~ of a rack serving unit has a  
guide element 16, 17 in the form of a continuous cable, which is tensioned between the two lifting devices. In the region located between the two lifting devices, this cable winds around a drivable cable drum 9' which is carried along by the lifting platform 8. It may be sufficient to guide this winding around only part of the circumference of the cable drum 9' if the friction between the outer surface of the cable drum and the cable 16, 17 is sufficient to substantially prevent slippage ("omega winding"). In many cases, it is however safer to wind the cable 16, 17 completely around the cable drum 9' one or more times.